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In re Application of	:	
James A. Proctor, Jr., et al.	:	
Application No. 10/717,995	:	ON PETITION
Filed: November 20, 2003	:	
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 19, 2004.

The petition is granted.

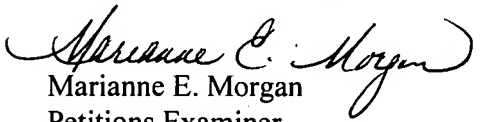
Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-3475.

  
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